

Town Council Meeting Minutes
North Town Hall
October 8, 2018

Mayor Carson called the regular meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Cook, Jackson, Jones and Washington.

- Mayor Carson declared a quorum and welcomed visitors.
- Mayor Carson then led Council and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Mayor Carson introduced Eli Jeffcoat as Honorary Mayor for the Council Meeting. Eli is a homeschooled student and was doing a social studies project for school.
- Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 9th, 2018, Council Meeting. Councilmember Washington seconded the motion and upon vote the minutes were approved unanimously.
- Councilmember Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 13th, 2018, Council Meeting. Jones seconded the motion and upon vote the minutes were approved unanimously.
- Councilmember Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 10th, 2018, Council Meeting. Councilmember Washington seconded the motion and upon vote the minutes were approved unanimously.
- Councilmember Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 24th, 2018, Special Called Council Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Cook seconded the motion and upon vote the minutes were approved unanimously.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Lin Shirer (report attached)

- Chief Shirer was not in attendance. Mayor Carson introduced the Town's new officer, Ms. Anita Chestnut.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mrs. Annie Charley gave an update from the Fall Festival Committee. Mrs. Charley stated that the Fall Festival had secured 14 vendors. She stated that the Committee was very excited about the event and asked the public to spread the word.
- Ms. Suzanne Reed and Ms. Bridget Salley gave an update from the Christmas Committee. They started by thanking the Mayor and Council for approving the co-ed softball tournament fundraiser. The fundraiser raised over \$1,000 in concessions and tee shirts sales. Ms. Reed stated that the Christmas Committee has started selling raffle tickets. Ms. Reed went on to say that parade and vendor forms would be available at Town Hall and on the Christmas at the North Pole Facebook page. Ms. Reed announced that the Christmas Committee would have a Family Movie Night on November 9th at the ball park at 6:30 pm. Ms. Reed said that North Furniture Store is donating seating to be purchased as VIP seating at the Family Movie Night. Ms. Reed also said that the Christmas Committee will be selling concessions to raise funds. She said that the movie will be "I Can Only Imagine". She stated that the Christmas Committee's goal was to purchase 2 new lights for the Town this year. She stated that they already had more fundraising planned for in the spring for next year's Christmas at the North Pole Event. Mayor Carson thanked Ms. Reed and the Christmas Committee for their reinvestment in the community. Ms. Reed thanked all the volunteers that helped with the softball tournament. She also added that the North High School State Champion football team for 1972 were being asked to Grand Marshall the Christmas parade.
- Council reviewed the account statement for September, 2018.
- As per the auditor's request, the Mayor discussed with Council having a capitalization threshold of \$1,000 for equipment purchases and a capitalization threshold of \$2,500 for major repairs. Mayor Carson explained to Council that this would allow the Town to recognize the expense over a longer period of time and allow for depreciation of the assets. Mayor Carson made a motion to approve the

capitalization threshold. Councilmember Cook seconded the motion and upon vote the motion was approved unanimously.

- Council held the second reading of Ordinance 2018-01, an Ordinance relating to the recovery of collection costs as a part of delinquent debts collected pursuant to the setoff debt collection act. Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-01. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and upon vote the Ordinance was approved unanimously.
- Council discussed applying for a FEMA grant for a permanent/portable generator. Mayor Carson stated that the deadline to apply for the grant was October 16th. She also said that a generator would give the town an option to pump water in the event the well loses power. Councilmember Jones stated that he would apply for the grant.
- Council reviewed the Utility Payment Plan Agreement. Mayor Carson described the purpose of the document. She stated that she added a new paragraph for renters and landlords and read it aloud to Council. Mayor Carson recommended that the Town have an attorney review the document. Councilmember Washington made a motion to approve the Utility Payment Plan Agreement. Councilmember Cook seconded the motion. Councilmembers Washington, Cook, Jackson and Mayor Carson voted in favor to approve the Utility Payment Plan Agreement. Councilmember Jones abstained from voting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mayor Carson opened discussion concerning a review of the letter to homeowners regarding enforcement of a 2004 Ordinance 16.104, Sidewalks. Adjacent property owners keep clear. Councilmember Cook inquired if the fines for violation of the ordinance were listed. Mayor Carson stated that the citations and fines were not stated in the Ordinance and the Judge and Police Chief would be consulted for a recommendation. Council tabled the issue until the fines were determined.

MAYOR'S REPORT (attached)

- Mayor Carson announced that the Town of North would be holding its 2nd Eartha Kitt Gala on January 19th, 2019. She stated that Mrs. Kitt's daughter, Kitt Shapiro, would be attending the event. Mayor Carson stated that the event would be held at the North High School gymnasium. She said that there would be 250 tickets available for purchase at \$20 a ticket. The Mayor announced that the Columbia City Ballet will be performing original choreography to Eartha Kitt songs. She said that there would be dinner and a silent auction featuring items from Eartha Kitt's estate. Mayor Carson said that she would be working with the T & D for an article promoting the event and that tickets would go on sale next month. She also said that the Eartha Kitt gala planning committee would meet next week. The proceeds of the Eartha Kitt gala will go towards a historical site/museum for the town.
- Mayor Carson announced that she has begun work on a Veterans Memorial Park for the town.
- Mayor Carson stated that the town had worked with a broker applying for an industrial hemp permit, however the town did not receive the permit.
- Mayor Carson announced that she had a challenge for the Council. She explained that the County is having a "Clean Where You Live/Work Challenge". She asked that each Councilmember take 6 bags and fill as many as possible from October 13th through October 20th. She asked that the Councilmembers call her and she would let the county know to pick up the bags. She added that the County will weigh the bags and report that information to the state. Mayor Carson said that she would add the results of the litter challenge to her Mayor's report for next month.
- Mayor Carson asked Councilmember Jones about the progress replacing street signs. Councilmember Jones responded that he did not have an update regarding the street signs.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Councilmember Washington announced that the Golden State Foods Foundation was no more. He stated that the company that sponsored it had been sold to another company. Councilmember Washington suggested that Council recognize a man named Jackson that has been working, on his own, to pick up litter and clean up the town daily. Washington is to give the Mayor his full name.
- Councilmember Cook stated that the deadline to apply for a Hometown Economic Grant had been extended to October 15th due to Hurricane Michael. Councilmember Cook announced that there was a

new business in town, North Sandwich Shop. She stated that North Sandwich Shop is located on Main street where Eagles restaurant was formerly located. She also said that North Sandwich Shop is owned by Paulette Knight and that she had menus available for the public. Councilmember Cook also stated that the last meeting to plan the empty buildings tour had been cancelled due to a Special Called Council meeting being held at the same time. She said that for the time being the Empty buildings tour was on hold. Councilmember Cook also asked about when the town would be having trick or treating. Carson answered that trick or treating would be held from 6 to 8 pm on Halloween night.

- Councilmember Jackson commended Mrs. Suzanne Reed and the Christmas Committee.
- Councilmember Jones stated that he will call the highway department again about replacing road signs around town. He announced that the highway department added new speed limit signs to Cotton street and plans to clear brush in the area.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (written request)

- Mr. Michal Gordon spoke to Council representing the North High School Scholarship Gala. Mr. Gordon stated that he is an alumni of North High School class of 1985. He said that this is the 3rd year that the North High School Scholarship Gala had been held. He stated that the Gala will be held on Saturday October 13th at the North High School from 7pm through midnight. He also said tickets for the Gala are \$20. He went on to say that the Gala will have entertainment and a catered dinner. Mr. Gordon said that gala helps raise scholarship money for students of North High School. He added that the first the gala was able to give one child a scholarship, the second year the gala gave six children scholarships and he hopes this year is even better.

PUBLIC COMMENTS per sign-in sheet (3 minutes)

- There were no public comment requests per the sign in sheet.

ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business Councilmember Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jackson and upon vote was unanimously approved.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, November 12th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Culler
Town Clerk

Mayor Patty Carson:

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Council Members:

Julius Jones:

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Daniel Jackson:

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